

#### **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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TO: Summit County Board of Health

Scott Vargo

Jeff Huntley

FROM: Lori Dwyer

RE: BOCC and BOH Joint Work Session of March 9, 2021

DATE: March 9, 2021

#### Attendees:

Elected Officials (via conference phone): Elisabeth Lawrence, Tamara Pogue and Josh Blanchard – Commissioners

Jaime FitzSimons - Sheriff

Staff (via conference phone): Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Amy Wineland, Public Health Director; Nicole Valentine, Director of Communications; Jim Curnutte, Community Development Director; Molly Boyd, Human Resources Director; Brian Bovaird, Director of Emergency Management; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Lori Dwyer, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (via phone): Peter Siegel, Peyton Rogers, Hal Vatcher, Alys Macias, Blair McGary, Joan Jardon, Sawyer DArgonne, Alex Boian, Alison Mathes, Ashley Kubiszyn, Lisa May, Carol Kresge, Chris Warren, Don Parsons and others that did not sign in.

## I. Standing Agenda Items/Updates

#### a. Public Health Director Updates

# i. Local and Regional/State COVID Case and Hospitalization Statistics and Trends

Amy Wineland noted that across the state, plateaus are starting to occur in cases, although hospitalizations continue to go down as those most vulnerable to severe disease are vaccinated. Summit County is seeing a slower downward trend and local test positivity is now in Level Blue.

#### ii. Local Testing Statistics and Program Update

Ms. Wineland noted that Summit County is seeing a higher demand for testing now that school is back in session, although positivity remains low.

#### iii. Vaccine Distribution Update

Ms. Wineland gave a presentation including the start of Phase 1B.3, Friday's first MegaPod in Summit County, ordering with partners, and the estimated March 21<sup>st</sup> to Phase 1B.4.

Ms. Wineland noted that the PrepMod system cannot make quick changes for specific, state-by-state specific categories and selecting "other" is what individuals should do if they are in a category such as the restaurant industry that does not have an option.

Ms. Wineland noted that the State anticipates that Phase 1B.4 will take several weeks to vaccinate due to the size of the group.

Ms. Wineland noted that the CDC has issued guidance for fully vaccinated individuals, but it is important to understand that Summit County's Public Health Order has not changed in regards to that advice.

#### iv. Transmission Trends

Ms. Wineland noted that the Contact Tracing team has noticed an increase in variant cases for Summit County. Social gathering situations continue to be an issue, especially in food service. More individuals are attempting to travel to and from Summit County while on quarantine or infectious.

### b. Communications Update and Discussion

Nicole Valentine noted that current messaging includes PrepMod categories, MegaPod traffic issues, using SC Alerts for individuals that were selected for vaccine lottery to notify them that they can register for the appointments, what individuals may or may not do after being vaccinated, a Facebook Live event about PrepMod registration, and Spring Break messaging that is unified with the towns.

### c. Emergency Management Update

Brian Bovaird noted that Emergency Management is working to keep traffic for the vaccine Points of Distribution to a minimum, including creating a "What to Expect for Your Vaccine" packet that will get emailed to individuals with appointments. They are also anticipating the potential of winter weather this weekend.

#### II. Critical Topics Not Covered Above

Commissioners and staff discussed changes to the State Public Health Order, which includes capacity changes without the distance calculator and last call changes. Bentley Henderson noted that the Five Star Committee restaurant owners advocated for a later last call for Five Star Certified businesses. Jeff Huntley noted that staff can create a new Local Public Health Order by Thursday evening.

## III. Open BOH/BOCC Discussion, As Needed

#### IV. Executive Session, As Needed

Jeff Huntley and Scott Vargo requested an Executive Session to discuss confidential information related to Public Health Orders.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pogue and seconded by Commissioner Blanchard to discuss confidential information related to Public Health orders and the legal advice related thereto. The BOCC voted 3 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (b)(c)(d) with special reference to 25-1-122. The motion was approved.

proved by:

The meeting was adjourned.

of Dwyer, Deputy Clerk

Respectfully submitted,